

(3) On approval of an application filed with the regional director (compliance), required physical inventories may be taken on dates other than June 30 and December 31 if the dates established for taking such inventories:

(i) Coincide with the end of a return period, and

(ii) Are approximately six months apart.

(4) On approval of the application, the designated inventory dates shall take effect with the first inventory scheduled to be taken within six months of the previous June 30 or December 31 inventory.

(b) *Waiver of physical inventory.* (1) The regional director (compliance), on receipt of an application, may relieve a proprietor of the requirement of taking the June 30 or December 31 physical inventory, (or other date approved under paragraph (a) of this section) if he finds that only one such inventory during any 24 consecutive return periods is necessary.

(2) The regional director (compliance) may reimpose the requirement for the waived inventory if he finds that it is necessary for law enforcement or protection of the revenue.

(c) *Notification of physical inventory.* Whenever a physical inventory of bottled or packaged spirits is to be taken, the proprietor shall, at least 5 business days in advance, notify the area supervisor of the date and time he will take such inventory.

(d) *Supervision of physical inventories.* Physical inventories required under the provisions of this section shall be taken under such supervision, or verified in such manner, as the regional director (compliance) may require.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1356, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201))

## Subpart N—Denaturing Operations and Manufacture of Articles

### § 19.451 General.

Authorized proprietors who are qualified as processors may conduct denaturing operations or manufacture articles pursuant to the provisions of this part. Proprietors shall not conduct denaturing operations or manufacture articles except as provided in this part.

Records of denaturing operations and the manufacture of articles shall be maintained in accordance with § 19.752 and § 19.753.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1353, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5178); sec. 807(a), Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 286 (26 U.S.C. 5241))

### DENATURATION

#### § 19.452 Formulas.

Spirits shall be denatured in accordance with formulas as authorized in 27 CFR part 21 or their alternatives. Denaturing materials shall be thoroughly mixed with the spirits being denatured.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1369, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5242); sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 286 (26 U.S.C. 5241))

#### § 19.453 Testing of denaturants.

(a) *Testing.* Proprietors shall ensure that the materials they receive for use in denaturing conform to the specifications prescribed in 27 CFR part 21. The regional director (compliance) may require the testing of denaturants at any time.

(b) *Samples.* Samples of denaturants shall be taken in such manner as to represent a true composite of the total lot being sampled. When samples are tested by persons other than a proprietor, a copy of the analysis or a statement, signed by the chemist performing the test, shall be secured and filed by the proprietor for each test. Samples of denaturants may be taken by ATF officers at any time for testing by Government chemists.

(c) *Conformity.* When a denaturant does not conform to the specifications prescribed under 27 CFR part 21, the proprietor shall not use the material unless he treats or manipulates the denaturant to make it conform to such specifications. Such treated or manipulated denaturant shall again be tested.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1369, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5242))

#### § 19.454 Gauge for denaturation.

The proprietor shall gauge spirits before denaturation and after denaturation and record each gauge on the record of denaturation as prescribed in § 19.752(b). However, spirits dumped from previously gauged containers or